

AF leaders offer Thanksgiving Day messages

By James Roche, Secretary of the Air Force, and
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WASHINGTON — One of our nation’s oldest and most treasured holidays is our tradition of gathering on the last Thursday of November to celebrate our “harvest,” the fruits of our labor, teamwork, and sacrifices. It is a day of reflection designed as a wonderful opportunity to gather with family and friends to acknowledge our blessings and the good fortunes we enjoy. This year we have special reason to reflect on family and loved ones. Americans have much to be thankful for, including the men and women of our Air Force. The eyes of America are on us as we carry out our duty to keep our nation free and secure.

To all the members and family members of the Air Force family — active, Guard, Reserve, civilian, and retired — we thank you for your enduring commitment and outstanding service. For those Air Force members stationed overseas or deployed in defense of freedom, we are especially thankful for your selfless service. Your dedication and sacrifice have made America and all for which we stand possible, both now and for the future. May you all have a safe and happy Thanksgiving Day and, as you say your prayers of Thanksgiving, please also say a prayer for those who lost their lives on Sept. 11 and their families.

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By Donald Rumsfeld
Secretary of Defense

Thanksgiving is a uniquely American holiday, a day that commemorates the Pilgrims’ survival in the New World and celebrates the freedom for which we offer our thanks to God.

But while every American knows why we celebrate Thanksgiving, few — I’m sure — realize that it took the Civil War to make Thanksgiving a national holiday.

“In the midst of a civil war of unequaled magnitude and severity,” President Abraham Lincoln wrote, “order has been maintained, the laws have been respected and obeyed, and harmony has prevailed everywhere except in the theatre of military conflict.”

Thus, did he declare the last Thursday in November a national day of “thanksgiving and prayer.”

Today, America is once again at war — a war every bit as dangerous and threatening to our national survival as that war that so tested America’s courage and resolve. And again, America’s citizens have met the challenge. Order had been maintained, laws have been obeyed, and love has prevailed over unspeakable evil and destruction. Indeed, Americans have shown the world just what stuff we’re made of — and for that I am very grateful.

But as in all war, the responsibility for its successful conclusion falls to you, America’s defenders. You carry the torch passed to you by the hundreds of policemen and firefighters who raised our country’s flag over the wreckage and pulled our fellow citizens out of the rubble.

And for that, all America is grateful.

So, as you sit down to a Thanksgiving meal — in makeshift camps, aboard ships at sea, on bases far from your families and your homes — know that you are in the hearts and prayers of every American.

As families all across the land gather together, they will give thanks to God not only for the blessings and benefits of freedom, but for every soldier, sailor, airman and Marine who is fighting to defend it for us and for every human heart that longs for liberty.

On behalf of the entire Department of Defense and a grateful people, thank you, and may God bless you and return you safely home.

8th Supply Squadron
customer training schedule

Base supply customer training have been scheduled at various times throughout the quarter to provide maximum flexibility. Call Staff Sgt. Lutz at 782-5259 prior to attending to make the necessary arrangements with class trainers. All classes begin at 8:30 a.m. in Bldg. 817 (supply training room).

Block I – General Supply Indoctrination
Dec. 5, 19

Block IIA – Bench Stock Management Training
Dec. 4

Block IIB - Repair Cycle Management Training
Dec. 20

Block III – Equipment Custodian Training
Tuesday
Dec. 11, 17

Special Purpose Recoverable Authorized Maintenance Custodian Training
Dec. 18

Hazardous Material Training
Dec. 13

AF people receiving new ‘smart’ ID cards

WASHINGTON — Active-duty Air Force people, Selected Reserve, civilians and eligible defense contractors began receiving new and “smart” official Department of Defense identification cards Nov. 6, officials said.

These common access cards, based on smart card technology, replace the standard military identification card and will be issued to more than four million DOD employees, said Essye Miller, chief of the Air Force Communications and Information’s infrastructure branch at the Pentagon.

The new smart card, about the size of a credit card, contains an integrated circuit chip, linear bar code, two-dimensional bar code, magnetic stripe, color digital photograph and printed information.

“The CAC will be the principal access card used to enter buildings and controlled spaces,” Miller said. “It will also be the primary DOD public key infrastructure authentication token for unclassified networks.”

Simply put, the card enables cardholders to digitally sign e-mail, encrypt information, and establish secure Web sessions to access and update information via the Internet, she said.

“These provisions are intended to enhance individual privacy and information assurance in (DOD) as computerized systems replace paper-based systems,” Miller said.

“The CAC will be issued using the existing infrastructure of the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System and the Real-time Automated Personnel Identification System in our military personnel flights,” she said.

There are a total of 17 Air Force installations — active duty, Guard and Reserve, with the capability to produce the CAC.

To date, the Air Force has issued more than 11,000 of the 70,000 new cards given to DOD employees.

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Legal announces Article 15 punishments

By Staff Sgt. Shawn Bauer
8th Fighter Wing legal office

Five members of the Wolf Pack received punishment under Article 15 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice during the month of October.

A senior airman from the 80th Fighter Squadron was found guilty of dereliction of duty for using his Bank of America Government Travel Card for other than official travel. The commander imposed a punishment of a suspended reduction to the grade of airman 1st class, 15 days extra duty, and a reprimand.

A senior airman from the 80th FS was found guilty of assaulting an NCO. The commander imposed a punishment of a suspended reduction to the grade of airman 1st class and 30 days restriction to base.

A senior airman from the 8th Maintenance Squadron was found guilty of assault, consummated by a battery. The commander imposed a punishment of forfeiture of \$200 pay and 30 days extra duty.

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When an individual receives punishment under Article 15, he or she can exercise the right to appeal should the member feel it is unjust or excessive. The imposing commander can grant the appeal suggested by the member or deny the appeal. Should the imposing commander deny the appeal, it is forwarded to the next level commander for final action.

When a squadron commander imposes punishment, the appeal authority is usually the group commander.

The appellate authority can deny the appeal, grant the relief requested or impose some lesser punishment. The appellate authority cannot increase the severity of the punishment.

Help conserve
energy



An easy way to conserve energy is to be mindful of energy waste and turn off lights when you leave a room.

Kunsan Air Base upcoming
courts-martial schedule



8 a.m. Monday
8 a.m. Thursday



Courts-martial will be held in Bldg. 755, 3rd Floor. They are open to the public. For more information, call 782-4283.